pects of the matter, including the availability of resources, the likely impact of such a scheme and constitutional responsibility of the Central Government in this regard, have decided not to include this scheme in the Eighth Five Year Plan

Assistance for Cultural Development Project

2231 SHRI SUDHIR GIRI Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPEMNT be pleased to state

(a) the amount of assistance provided to State Governments for Cultural Development Projects State-wise and Project-wise,

(b) the number of such projects submitted by the West Bengal Government during each of the last three years, and

(c) the amount sanctioned so far and the amount actually paid during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) No assistance has been provided to any State Government for the purpose

(b) Two only, during the years 1989 and 1991 respectively and

(c) No amounts have been sanctioned, as there is no scheme operating in the Department of Culture wherein financial assistance can be provided to State Governments

[*Translation*]

Examination for Employment on Compassionate Ground

2232 SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the number of examinations conducted by Railways for various posts on compassionate grounds during the last two years, Board-wise,

(b) the number of the successful candidates who have not yet been offered jobs, and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) to (c) Compassionate appointments are made by Railways themselves and not through Railway Recruitment Boards

[*English*]

Microfilming of Documents at National Library, Calcutta

2233 SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARAYA Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPEMNT be pleased to state

(a) whether leading newspapers in the different regional languages are being bound and microfilmed at the National Library, Calcutta

(b) if so, the criteria according to which newspapers and periodicals are selected for binding and microfilming and

(c) whether the Library has any projects of its own for the microfilming of newspapers, periodicals and rare documents?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) Only leading newspapers in English and Bengali are being bound in the National Library Selective microfilming on the basis of rarety of material is also done